(b) the modalities of treatment of cancer are radiotherapy/ surgery and chemotherapy. Quite often more than one modality is used for treatment of cancer. The average expenditure for treatment of cancer patients may range between Rs. 15,000 to 4.5 lakhs depending upon the type of treatment given.

(c) Under the NCCP the Government has started schemes mentioned below for early detection, creating awareness and treatment of cancer.

(i) Upgradation of Regional Cancer Centres in various States/ UTs.

(ii) Development of Oncology Wing in identified Medical Colleges/Hospitals.

(iii) Setting up of Cobalt Therapy facilities in various parts of the country.

(iv) District Cancer Control Project.

(v) Financial assistance to NGOs for early detection and awareness activities.

It may also be noted that in Government hospitals/medical colleges/Government supported Regional Cancer Centres, a large number of patients are either being treated free of cost or at a nominal charges for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures involved in cancer treatment as compared to the private or corporate hospitals.

Upgrading CGHS Facilities

2230. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS beneficiaries per Medical Officer and Specialist doctors in Delhi, separately;

(b) the position in this regard over the year 2000-2001, as compared to 1999-2000;

(c) whether Government are aware that local CGHS dispenaries cater to elementary ailments only and slightly complicated cases are referred to hospitals; and

(d) whether Government have ever considered upgrading facilities at dispensary level and utilise Medical Officers, with higher qualifications, to provide better and specialised services at dispensary level, rather than crowding hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The information is as under:—

	Medical Officer	Specialist
1999-2000	2732	22429
2000-2001	2827	23586

(c) No, Sir. Due care is taken by doctors in treating the patients at the dispensaries. The patients who require specialised treatment are referred to the hospitals depending upon the ailment.

(d) At present there is no such proposal.

Voluntary Blood Donation Movement

2231. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that volunteer blood donation movement in the country is in danger; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that blood collection has been reduced in a big way than its requirement in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) No, Sir.